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Abstracts  
from the Verbatim Proceedings of the  
Meeting of the JIGSAW Committee  
of 2 May 1950

1. Mr. Babbitt opened the meeting and indicated that the only item of business on the agenda was the draft report of the sub-committee, which was to be sent to the IAC with a covering letter.  
  
Mr. Babbitt said that Admiral Hillenkoetter would decide whether the report had to be considered at an IAC meeting; or whether the IAC might accept the report by voting slip procedure.  
  
Mr. Babbitt gave a resume of the points he expected to include in his covering letter. These included the problem of personnel to work on JIGSAW projects; the question of high priority for these projects; and a recommendation that the sub-committee's list of highest priority projects be accepted as the official program for JIGSAW's activities in the immediate future.  
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2. [REDACTED] expressed the great need for basic research on international communism and suggested that the JIGSAW Committee recommend the creation of a special unit, outside existing agencies, to remedy this lack.  
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3. [REDACTED] pointed out that existing agencies are already doing a considerable amount of basic research on various aspects of international communism, and suggested that JIGSAW might give a false impression if it seemed to overlook this fact.
4. Mr. Babbitt spoke of the administrative difficulties that would be encountered in attempting to set up a special unit, and said that he felt the best approach would be to ask for a higher priority upon the projects JIGSAW proposed, so that personnel now available in the various agencies might be used to better advantage.
5. Mr. Babbitt asked the Committee's opinion of his suggestion that JIGSAW Committee members personally be directed, by the IAC, to give a higher priority to JIGSAW projects, which are now

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held back by other work of a routine character, or by research related to strictly current or short-term international developments.

5. Members of the Committee agreed that Mr. Babbitt's report to the IAC should be circulated to them before being sent out; and that it would be decided by telephone whether another meeting would be needed, in order to consider the final version of the report.
6. Mr. Namser urged that IAC be asked to obtain from each of its member agencies a definite commitment to undertake responsibility for one or more of the ten highest priority projects. He explained why this was desirable from the State Department point of view, with particular reference to the obtaining of personnel needed to work on these projects.
7. Mr. Babbitt said that if the IAC itself were asked to commit its member agencies to particular projects, this might cause considerable delay. He thought JIGSAW itself should make tentative recommendations regarding allocation of projects.
8. Lt. Col. de Tolly (Air Force) requested that "The Pattern and Purpose of Communist Propaganda in the Atomic Field" be added to the list of ten top priority projects. After considerable discussion it was decided not to include this additional project for the present, but to re-consider it at an early date.
9. The Committee agreed to accept the priority program, as written, this program to be used as an Appendix to Mr. Babbitt's report.
10. No date was set for the next JIGSAW meeting.

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1. The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of 13 April 1950.
2. The Committee discussed the April-May draft of the International Communism Monthly, and approved it with the revisions agreed upon.

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